

REMARKS

The Election of Species Requirement mailed on November 19, 2002, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1-73 are currently pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 38-58 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1- 37 and 59- 73 are subject to an Election of Species Requirement.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Species I, which is depicted in FIGs. 1 and 2 of the above-referenced application and which appears to include routing elements that includes, among other things, a polymeric film upon which at least one conductive trace is carried. Additionally, the contacts that are located at opposite ends of the at least one conductive trace are carried by the polymeric film and exposed to the same surface thereof.

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 10-22, 24-35, 37, 59-71, and 72 reads on Species I. Of these, claim 25 appears to be the most generic claim.

It is also respectfully submitted that each of claims 10-22, 24-35, 37, 59-71, and 72 appears to read on Species II, shown in FIGs. 3 and 4, Species III, shown in FIGs. 5 and 6, Species IV, shown in FIG. 9, and Species V, shown in FIG. 10. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10-22, 24-35, 37, 59-71, and 72 are also generic to Species II, III, IV, and V.

An early action on the merits of claims 10-22, 24-35, 37, 59-71, and 72 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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